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NORTH VIETNAM
2101N 10530E

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2. LOCATION:

THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED ONE NM WEST OF HOA LAC AND 6.5 NM SOUTH OF SON TAY AT 21-01-53N 105-30-05E.

3. BACKGROUND:

LOW-LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY OF MARCH 1966 REVEALED A SUSPECT AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION 6.5 NM SOUTH OF SON TAY.

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PHOTOGRAPHY OF NOVEMBER 1966 REVEALED THE AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO MEASURE 8,500 X 1,500 FEET. NINE AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS WERE NOTED IN THE CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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ELECTRONIC FACILITIES INCLUDE A REVETTED ILS FACILITY APPROXIMATELY 3,000 FEET FROM, AND IN LINE WITH, THE NORTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY, AND A REVETTED PROBABLY GCA SITE AT THE NORTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY CONSISTING OF A PROBABLE HOME TALK PRECISION APPROACH RADAR AND A PROBABLE LONG EYE AIRFIELD SURVEILLANCE RADAR.

EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE COMPLEX.

AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AT THE FIELD ARE FIVE MIG-17S.

5. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOA LAC AIRFIELD WILL GIVE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE AN INTERCEPT CAPABILITY TWENTY-FIVE MILES FURTHER WEST THAN EXISTING LAUNCH BASES AND TOWARD THE MOST FREQUENTLY USED INGRESS APPROACH BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE. HOA LAC, WITH SIXTEEN REVELEMENTS, CAN SHELTER AT LEAST ONE MORE REGIMENT

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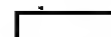
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ILS FACILITY

FIRING-IN BUTT

WEATHER
STATION

POSS RUNWAY U/C
6985' X 180'

RUNWAY

AIRCRAFT REVETMENT

GCA SITE

MIG-17